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1. EMILE BAROODY, PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN AND ARAK EXPORTER, HAS SOLICITED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO CLARIFY ALLEGED US REQUIREMENT THAT LABEL FOR ARAK EXPORTED TO U.S. SHOULD READ "ONE PINT, 4 FLUID OZ.". RATHER THAN "20 OZ." WHICH LABEL CURRENTLY STATES. BAROODY NOTIFIED THIS REQUIREMENT BY DECEMBER 5 LETTER FROM HIS U.S. AGENT, AUSTIN NICHOLS & CO. INC., NEW YORK, WHICH STATES "FEDERAL AUTHORITIES" WILL REJECT FUTURE SHIPMENTS UNLESS LABEL CONFORMS TO NEW STYLE. SINCE "ONE PINT, 4 FLUID OZ." SAME AMOUNT AS "20 OZ." WE WONDER AT RATIONALE FOR ALLEGED REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. LATEST LETTER FROM AUSTIN NICHOLS INC. IS THIRD SINCE AUGUST INFORMING BAROODY OF CHANGES IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS AFFECTING EXPORT HIS PRODUCT. REFERENCE (A) CONCERNED OBJECTION TO USE WORD "DISTILLED" WHICH WAS LIFTED PER REF (B). REFS. (C) AND (D) INQUIRE CONCERNING NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING "FLASH POINT" STILL UNANSWERED. BAROODY UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED BY SERIES OXHTXKENT REGULATION CHANGES WHICH MAKING IT DIFFICULT MEET PROMISED DELIVERY SCHEDULE. HE WONDER
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WHETHER THESE ACTUALLY NEW REGULATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF

EXISTING PROVISIONS. ARE MORE REGULATIONS AFFECTING
LABELING AND IMPORTATION OF ARAK IMMINENT? YOUR ADVICE
FOR TRANSMITTAL BAROODY APPRECIATED.
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